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The international chess match between English and American teams resulted in favor of America by six games to four.

There is nothing a man does so unwillingly as to acknowledge himself in the wrong.

Asceticism is self-abandonment.

Ex-Congressman John Davis, one of the founders of the populist party, has become totally blind. Formerly he represented the Fifth Kansas district.

A bell is rung at sunset at Seoul, Korea, and after that time men found on the street are liable to be flogged. Women, however, are allowed to go about as usual.

There are not less than twenty-five colonies of Hebrews, most of them thriving and self-supporting, in Judea, Samaria, Upper Galilee and in trans-Jordanian regions, with a total of 4,500 colonists and about 1,000 hired Hebrew laborers.

**Jonathan and John Bull.**  
The Anglo-American League has issued a report of its first year's work, in which it is noted that "there are indications in the United States of the continued growth of friendly feelings toward the old country, and of a belief that the true interests of both nations are identical, so that the more cordial their friendship becomes the better will it be for the political and commercial welfare of both. How widely similar feelings prevail in this country, and how sincerely they are held, every one in Britain knows."

**A Picture That will Become Famous.**  
Theobald Chartran has returned to this country from Paris, bringing with him a large historical painting which probably will be hung in the capitol at Washington. It was ordered by Henry C. Frick, of Pittsburgh, before Mr. Chartran left this country, last spring. The artist went to Washington and studied the character and faces of the men who figure in the group. President McKinley, William R. Day, secretary of state at that time; M. Cambon, the French ambassador; M. Thebaud, his secretary, and Messrs. Moore, Adee and Criddle, of the state department, will be seen in a group which represents the signing of the Spanish-American peace protocol at Washington. If the picture is not hung in the capitol it will be presented to Mr. McKinley. France paid \$20,000 for a painting which is to be exhibited by M. Chartran at the Paris exposition.

### THE PLACE FOR A POOR MAN.

A Homestead Clear and Money Ahead in Two Years.

Alameda, N. W. T., Canada, Dec. 22, 1899.

Mr. B. Davies, Canadian Government Agent, St. Paul, Minn.—Dear Sir: As I promised you about two years ago that at some future time I would let you know what I thought of western Canada and the chances of a poor man making a start and supporting a family at the same time, so will write a few facts concerning my own experience the past twenty-one months; and what I have done, any able-bodied man can do, provided he will work.

I left Traverse country March 20, 1898; landed in Alameda at noon the 21st with \$3.55 in my pocket, a stranger and among strangers, and when my family came in October, 1898, my wife had nearly \$10, or barely enough to pay freight on her stove, sewing-machine and clothes and beds. I commenced work March 28; also made entry for homestead same day (the man I started work for loaning me \$15 to pay entrance fee), and I have earned or at least received \$478.10 in wages since then and have been idle at least two months of the twenty-one since I came. The homestead I took had twelve acres broke by a former occupant. I paid \$20 to have it replowed in July, '98, and the seed wheat for it cost me \$8.25. I let it to a neighbor for one-half in elevator, clear of all expense except the seed, and this fall I received \$70.10 for my part of the crops off the twelve acres, so my total receipts the past twenty-one months have been \$548.10, and my expenses, besides living for self and family, have been as follows:

Entrance fee (\$5 being paid for cancellation).....	\$ 15.00
Summer following 12 acres.....	20.00
Seed for same.....	8.25
Cost of house, besides my own labor on same.....	75.85
20 acres of breaking and double-discing same.....	60.00
	\$179.10
My half of wheat.....	70.10

Net expense on homestead...\$109.00  
We moved on our homestead July 10, 1899, have thirty-two acres in good shape for crops in 1900. My wife joins with me in sending best wishes to you and yours.

You can truly say to any poor man who pays a big rent to get a farm (somebody else's land) or works for wages to support a family, that I have personally tried both in Minnesota and tried hard to make a success of it, but found to my sorrow that after working hard a poor living was all I could get out of it, and after nearly two years of western Canadian life I will say that I am very thankful to you for helping me to decide to try it in Canada. Yours respectfully,

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### Heavy Gambling.

John Morrissey is said to have made \$500,000 out of his New York gambling house in seven years, but that is small gambling in comparison with the revenues of an ancient house in London, which is reputed to have cleared in the season of 1788 over \$750,000. In one night a million of money is said to have changed hands in this place.

### None Spared.

That the Boer war affects all classes was proven by a recent painful incident at the London war office. One of the few journalists who have been there nightly since the beginning of hostilities, on making his customary inquiry for the latest list of the casualties, was handed a list whereon, under the head of killed, was the name of his own son.

### Murderers All Play Checkers.

Roland B. Molineux, the convicted poisoner, is one of the eight candidates for the electric chair at Sing Sing prison. All are checker players and each has a board in his cell. Molineux is the best player of the lot, and when a game is on the moves on both sides by both contestants are conveyed to each other by shouts.

### Worcester's Fine Offer.

Professor Dean C. Worcester, who has just resigned his chair in the University of Michigan, has had an offer of a salary of \$15,000 a year as manager of certain mining interests in the Philippine islands and when his duties as commissioner are fulfilled he may accept the offer.

### Sailor Statesmen.

Two members of the present congress began life as sailors. Each was a New Englander by birth, each ran away to sea, and each finally made his home in California. One is Senator Perkins and the other Representative E. F. Lund.

Governor Mount has issued a proclamation calling upon the people of Indiana to observe the 100th anniversary of the establishment of territorial form of government in Indiana, by holding celebrations in each of the counties on July 4.

### THE DREARY VELDT.

SICKENS HEART OF THE BRITISH SOLDIER.

The Desolate Plain of South Africa, Where Duststorms Swallow Up Men and Animals and Nature Seems to Be Dead.

Veldt is a Dutch word sometimes spelled without the "t." It means an unforested or thinly forested tract of land, what cowboys would call a "grass country." The higher tracts, entirely destitute of timber, are called the high veldt; areas thinly covered with scrub or bush are called the bush-veldt. The great veldt of the Transvaal is the Hooze of the Drakenberg range, whose edge attains a height at the summit named Mauch of 8,725 feet.

Mafeking, where Baden-Powell is now fighting for life and English victory, is in the heart of a veldt "upon which," writes a traveler, "there rests the silence of horror; where there is always the desolation of drought and excessive heat." A brief season of the year comes when this is not so; when dry torrent beds fill and brief rains fall. Wild flowers blossom, the grasses turn from brown to green, the native birds chirrup shrilly as they flutter from bush to bush. Then the veldt is a color picture, a plaque of nature, upon which the eye settles for rest. So brief are these periods, though, that men forget them and remember but the terror of the parched veldt when the clouds come no more, and the wind is scorching at midnight, or raw and cold, and the mirage of water dances before the crazed eyes of the beasts.

There is a saying of the Arabs that "the soil is like fire and the wind like a flame." Thus it seems to the unwary traveler caught upon the veldt without water and no hope but to fight for life and gain the too distant ranges. In January the average temperature at Durban is 74; in July 62; at Pietermaritzburg the January average temperature is 71 and 55 in July; at Swellendam the January temperature is 72 and the July 59. On the veldt the temperature rises in December and January to 100, 105 and 108; in July it falls to 55, 60 and 95. So the English observers have determined. The greater the heat the less water is there to be found. Streams that were gorging in June and July are empty in January and February. The soil cracks with the baking it receives. The short grasses lose all vitality and pass away into powder. Windstorms sweep over the plain and conceal the trails. Duststorms form and swallow up men and animals. These duststorms start upon apparently the same scientific basis as do the western cyclones. They are at first but the size of the cocked hat of a clown, turning lazily upon the level. As they proceed they gain power and size. The traveler may see one first as a thin spiral column reaching from the earth to the sky. It leaps fantastically from the ground and descends again. On the fringe of its edge there are faint electric sparks. When at full strength it descends upon humans with blinding force, filling the mouth, nostrils and ears, choking the throat, oppressing with frightful heat. The whirlwind is gone almost as quick as it came. Sometimes there is death in its wake, sometimes only a few benumbed, dirty people.

The veldt is not uninhabited, for Africa is the home of more than 1,000 different kinds of insects. The ant destroys everything in the shape of wood, leather or cloth. It will attack disabled men or beasts, swarm upon them and leave them picked to the bone. A fly exists which fatally stings the horses and cattle, and there are creeping things of hideous shape and more hideous feeling when upon the person. Only the Hottentot bears their attacks with equanimity. He calls the veldt "karroos," which means dry or arid. He is, too, who pushes back the sandy soil and finds beneath the germs of life that shall give fruit when the rains return. This soil is pervaded with the roots and fibers of various plants, which under the influence of water give forth the most gorgeous flowers, yielding the odors of Arabia. Then come the antelope, the zebra, the quagga, the gnus, in countless herds, and after them those who seek them for prey—the lion, hyena, panther and leopard. Animal life is visible everywhere for a short period, and then the heat returns, the death within life, the lust and the silence. From September to April the winds blow from the southeast, and are cold and dry. From May to September the northwest wind prevails.

### A Surprised Cat.

Several days ago, says the Philadelphia Times, five or six sparrows were pecking away in the gutter immediately in front of an engine house when a cat crept across the street and pounced upon one of them. Instantly the victim's companions sent up a war cry, which was as instantly answered. From housetop and tree, the sparrows flocked to the scene. With whirling, hissing cries of noisy rage, they fearlessly attacked the offender. For about thirty seconds the dazed cat endured the blows from perhaps a hundred beaks and twice as many beating wings. Then, still holding her prey, she struggled away from the infuriated birds and ran into the engine house. The plucky little fellows followed her inside, but soon gave up the chase, leaving her with her dearly bought dinner, a sadder but a wiser cat.

### A MOTHER'S STORY.

Tells About Her Daughter's Illness and How She Was Relieved—Two Letters to Mrs. Pinkham.

"Mrs. PINKHAM—I write to tell you about my daughter. She is nineteen years old and is now all the time, and has been for three months. The doctor does her but very little good, if any. I thought I would try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, but I want your advice before beginning its use. I have become very much alarmed about her, as she is getting so weak."—MRS. MATILDA A. CAMP, Manchester Mill, Macon, Ga., May 21, 1899.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—It affords me great pleasure to tell you of the benefit my daughter has received from the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. After beginning the use of your medicine she began to mend rapidly and is now able to be at her work. Her menses are regular and almost painless. I feel very thankful to you and expect to always keep your Vegetable Compound in my house. It is the best medicine I ever knew. You have my permission to publish this letter if you wish, it may be the means of doing others good."—MRS. MATILDA A. CAMP, Manchester Mill, Macon, Ga., September 18, 1899.

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